

## COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

Her cousin came to play. "What will it be today?" he asked. You see, they knew each other well and played together often. "Shall we roller skate?"

"We could read in the tree?"

"Better still shall we scatter buttons in the grass and search for them? The one who finds the most in 15 minutes wins". He grinned. They'd had fun playing that game before, but, then, he always won.

"Umm--no, not today," she said.

With just a hint of irritation, he yelled, "Well, what then?"

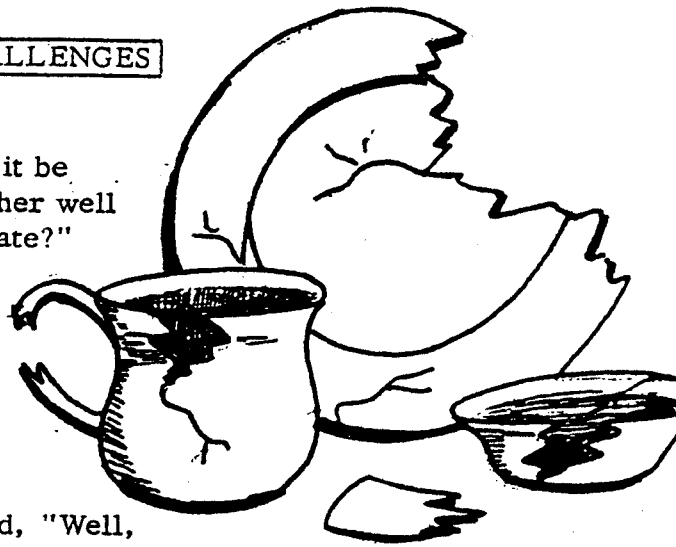
Shyly she said, "Let's play house."

He didn't really want to, but he wanted to please her.

She smiled. She was happy. She began to set the tiny table for dinner. The dishes with the "Blue Willow" pattern were in place and she was happily pouring the pretend milk. "Do this," she said. He did. "Do that. Do this. Do that. Do this. Not that way."

He broke her dishes and went home leaving her to cry alone.

Years passed. She saw him once again. She asked him why? He couldn't even remember the incident.



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1. This story tells about:
  - (a) a list of games
  - (b) a playtime experience
  - (c) a happy day
  - (d) a mean boy
2. Who came to play?
  - (a) a friend
  - (b) a cousin
  - (c) some boys
  - (d) some pets
3. What did she want to do?
  - (a) pick apples
  - (b) read
  - (c) roller-skate
  - (d) play house
4. How long would they have to search for buttons?
  - (a) 15 minutes
  - (b) 10 minutes
  - (c) 25 minutes
  - (d) 5 minutes
5. Just before he broke the dishes:
  - (a) he suggested reading
  - (b) she bossed him
  - (c) she refused to roller skate
  - (d) he couldn't remember
6. Irritation means:
  - (a) happiness
  - (b) annoyance
  - (c) pretending
  - (d) gladness
7. Why did he break the dishes?
  - (a) he was happy
  - (b) he was having fun
  - (c) he didn't like them
  - (d) he was angry
8. The girl in the story was:
  - (a) hard to please
  - (b) easy to please
  - (c) timid
  - (d) eager to please